AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) An aliphatic polyester composition comprising (A) 100 parts by weight of aliphatic polyester, (B) 0.01 to 10 parts by weight of a carbodiimide compound, and (C) 0.01 to 10 parts by weight of at least one compound selected from the group consisting of benzotriazole-, triazine- and hydroxylamine-based compounds.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The aliphatic polyester composition according to claim 1, characterized in that said triazine-based compound is a triazine-based ultraviolet absorber or triazine derivative having at least one amino group in the molecule.

4. (Previously Presented) The aliphatic polyester composition according to claim 1, characterized in that said hydroxylamine-based compound is N-hydroxybenzotriazole or N-hydroxysuccinimide.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The aliphatic polyester composition according to claim 1, characterized in that said carbodiimide compound (B) is aliphatic polycarbodiimide.

7. (Previously Presented) The aliphatic polyester composition according to claim 6, characterized in that said aliphatic polycarbodiimide compound has an isocyanate terminal.

8. (Previously Presented) A molded article of a aliphatic polyester obtained by molding the aliphatic polyester composition according to any one of claims 1 to 7.

9. (Previously Presented) The molded article of the aliphatic polyester according to claim 8, which is in the form of molded article, extrudate, blow-molded article, thermally molded article, fiber, non-woven fabric, film or sheet.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a biodegradation rate an aliphatic polyester, characterized in that the aliphatic polyester (A) is compounded with a carbodiimide compound (B) and at least one compound (C) selected from the group consisting of benzotriazole-, triazine- and hydroxylamine-based compounds to adjust its biodegradability,

wherein said biodegradation rate is controlled by altering proportions of said aliphatic polyester (A), said carbodiimide compound (B) and said at least one compound (C) selected from the group consisting of benzotriazole-, triazine- and hydroxylamine-based compounds.